Modernisation Scheme of MIG-27 Aircraft

733. SHRI SATYA DEO SINGH :
KUMARI UMA BHARATI :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have postponed the modernisation scheme of MIG-27 aircraft inducted in the Indian Air Force;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of MIG-27 aircraft lying unused due to modernisation;

(d) whether talks were held between the Russian and Indian authorities in this regard; and

(e) if so, the outcome of the talks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. Upgradation of MIG-27 is planned during the 9th Plan period.

(c) No MIG-27 aircraft is lying unused.

(d) and (e) Upgradation of the MIG-27 is planned indigenously. No talks in this regard have been held with the Russians.

[English]

Pipeline Gas Connections in Mumbai

734. SHRI CHINTAMAN WANAGA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have approved a plan to provide Mumbai High Natural Gas through pipeline for domestic use in Mumbai; and

(b) if so, the areas likely to be covered by the pipeline gas connections?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) It is proposed to cover parts of the Greater Mumbai area by the pipeline gas connection.

Leasing out of Land in Bombay

735. SHRI SHIVAJI VITHALRAO KAMBLE :
SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT :
SHRI ANNASAHIB M.K. PATIL :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CBI has registered case against the officials of National Airport Authority for leasing out of land in Bombay and causing a loss to the exchequer;

(b) if so, the facts and details in this regard;

(c) whether the Government have taken/propose to take any action against the involved National Airport Authority officials and against the owner of private airlines; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) to (d) The case is under investigation of the CBI.

IAF Plane crash is Assam

736. SHRI RAJKESHAR SINGH :
SHRI ANAND RATNA MAURYA :
KUMARI UMA BHARATI :
SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether two MIG-21 fighter planes of Air Force collided in the mid air before landing at Chaubua air force station in Kalari, Assam recently;

(b) if so, the number of person killed/injured in this accident;

(c) whether any enquiry has been conducted to ascertain the causes of the accident;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(e) the action taken against the persons found responsible for this accident?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Two pilots were killed.

(c) to (e) The Court of Inquiry into the accident is in progress.

Filling of Vacancies

737. SHRI MURALIDHAR JENA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of vacancies of teaching and non-teaching posts in KVS filled in by departmental promotion; and

(b) the details of teaching posts, category-wise filled in by internal promotion during the years 1992-97?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) There are 30 categories of Teaching and Non-Teaching posts which are filled wholly or partially by promotion as under:—

(i)	13 Categories by	100%
(ii)	02 Categories by	67%
(iii)	04 Categories by	$66^{2}/_{3}$%
(iv)	04 Categories by	60%
(v)	04 Categories by	50%
(vi)	01 Category by	40%
(vii)	01 Category by	$33^{1}/_{3}$%
(viii)	01 Category by	10%

(b) During 1992—97, 585 Primary Teachers were provided promotion to the posts of Headmaster, 1532 Primary Teachers to Trained Graduate Teachers, 987 Trained Graduate Teachers to Post Graduate Teachers, 458 Post Graduate Teachers to Vice-Principals and 128 Vice-Principals to Principals.

[Translation]

Separate Corridors for Incoming and Outgoing Flights

738. SHRI ANANT KUMAR HEGDE :
SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO :
SHRI P. SHANMUGAM :
SHRIMATI KETAKI DEVI SINGH :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to provide separate air tracks for incoming and outgoing flights in the airports in Delhi and other States;

(b) if so, the details thereof, airport-wise;

(c) whether navigational aids were installed after the IAF had agreed to release additional air space for un-directional corridors;

(d) if so, whether the Government also propose to construct separate corridors for arrival and departure of aeroplanes with a view to reduce the air accidents and facilitates the air traffic to the maximum extent at the Indira Gandhi International Airport;

(e) the estimated cost likely to be incurred on the construction of these corridors; and

(f) the time by which the construction work is likely to be commenced?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The arrival and departure tracks for the busy routes from Delhi both eastwards and westwards as well as Mumbai to Calcutta and Mumbai to Bangkok are being made unidirectional.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Rs. 22 crores approximately.

(f) Separate route for incoming and outgoing flights from Delhi to West will be commissioned with effect from 14th August, 1997.

[English]

Policy on Deployment of Missile System

739. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI :
SHRI VIJAY GOEL :
SHRI T. GOPAL KRISHNA :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) the Government's pronounced policy on deployment of missile system developed for the defence of the country;

(b) whether the Government have taken any policy decision regarding the production and deployment of 'Agni' with reference to Pakistani and Chinese Missile development and deployment;

(c) the broad outlines of Indian Policy in this regard; and

(d) the number of tests carried out in respect of Agni Missile so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) to (d) In order to equip our Armed Forces with the state-of-the-art missiles